GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Additional Coaches
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for adding extra coaches in trains in view of increasing number of passengers seeking reservation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated so far for adding additional coaches to the trains;

(c) whether the Railway administration is mulling adding extra coaches to nine trains;

(d) if so, the action plan of the Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) to (e) Yes, Madam. Keeping in view the increasing number of passengers, 120 coaches generating additional capacity of 6288 berth/seat capacity have been added as on permanent basis in Popular trains during the current Financial Year upto June 2016. Extra coaches are also attached to clear extra waitlisted passengers as and when required keeping in view the operational feasibility. However, attachment of coaches is an ongoing process over Indian Railways and is done keeping view the traffic pattern, operational feasibility, commercial viability, availability of resources etc.
The outlay for 2016-17 as per Budget Estimates 2016-17 under Demand No. 16 in planhead 21-Rolling Stock Programme for "Carriages" is ` 9135.99 crore which includes ` 1583.56 crore for new acquisitions.
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